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Our Weapons must be Prayer and Faith,
and our Only Standard the Bible
—*Chas. Kingsley.*

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BROTHER man! fold to thy heart thy brother;
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of Him whose holy work was "doing good;"
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

WHITTIER

January

AGAIN, Lord, in the dawning of the year,
So fraught with expectation and with fear,
So veiled and hidden from our mortal view,
So full of trials strange, and blessings new,
We come with trustful confidence to Thee,
Who knowest fully all we fain would see,
Who hast in wisest love our future planned,
Our every footstep traced with thine own hand,
And pray that Thou wilt be our constant Guide,
Nor suffer us to wander from Thy side.
If Thou would'st lead us on through sunny ways,
Or should the pathway be through tangled maze;
With steadfast feet still may we onward press,
Nor miss Thy way through sloth or faithlessness.
Should pain or sorrow be in Thy design
To raise us, and our earthliness refine,
May we lie passive in Thy moulding hand,
Nor shrink because we cannot understand.
For whatsoe'er this year may have in store
Of blessings sweet and new, of trials sore,
Of opportunities and powers unknown
For serving Thee, who claimest us Thine own,
Be Thou sufficient, Lord, for every need,
Our Friend to succor and our Guide to lead.
Teach us to be content with Thy blest will,
And, though perplexed and sad, to trust Thee still;
With confidence to place our hand in Thine,
And joyfully to say, "Thy will, not mine."

Thus will we gladly face the coming year;
Or be the path before us dark or clear,
No fear shall daunt us and no care oppress,
While we are resting in Thy faithfulness.

Saturday 1

AND this is the confidence that we have in Him that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us. 1 John v : 14.

We need individual and systematic prayer for missions; definite prayer that has also individual objects—that takes up one field at a time and one missionary at a time, and intelligently pleads with God for that field, and work and worker.

REV. A. T. PIERSON.

Prayer is not Conquering God's Reluctance but Laying Hold upon God's Willingness.

Sunday. 2

GOD who has set us our work to do in life, give us grace to do it in and for Thee. Grant that no temptation of the present may lead us to forget that we must serve Thee and Thee only in all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday 3

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto Thee. Psalms cii : 1.

Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. Isaiah lxv : 24.

Tuesday 4

GLEAD me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet ;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the Rock, and strong in Thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers in the troubled sea.

Wednesday 5

HE giveth power to the faint ; and to them that have no might, he increaseth strength.

May it please Thee, O Lord, to comfort and uphold those who forsake all to follow Thee, giving them cheerful courage and a good hope because of Thy word.

Isaiah xl : 29.

Thursday 6

HOLD up my goings in Thy path, that my footsteps slip not. Psalms xvii : 5.

He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways. Psalms xci : 11.

Friday 7

FOR I have learned by knocking at Heaven's gate
The meaning of one golden word that shines about it "*wait!*"
For with the Master whom to serve is not to ride or run,
But only to abide His will "well waited is well done."

DORA GREENWELL.

Saturday 8

CONTINUE in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ. Colossians iv : 3, 4.

Sunday 9

Prayer for Wisdom to Meet the Peculiar Perils which Menace our Country.

MERCIFUL Saviour, make speed to aid Thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and as Thou knowest their several infirmities let each one find Thee mighty to save. Amen.

Monday 10

Desecration of the Sabbath.

VERILY My Sabbaths shall ye keep; for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations. Exodus xxxi : 13.

Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth. Isaiah lviii : 13, 14.

Tuesday 11

Desecration of the Home—Mormonism, Divorce, The Social Evil, Lack of Parental Authority and Filial Obedience.

ONLY take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons. Deut. iv : 9.

Wednesday 12

Desecration of Man—Class Distinction.

* * * MASTER, we know that Thou art true and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest Thou for any man; for Thou regardest not the person of men.

Matt. xxii : 16.

Thursday 13

Desecration of the Body—Intemperance.

WHETHER therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. x : 31.

Exalt me with Thee, O Lord, to know the mystery of life, that I may use the earthly as the appointed expression and type of the heavenly, and by using to Thy glory the natural body, may be fit to be exalted to the use of the Spiritual body. Amen.

Friday 14

Priestcraft.

NOW the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron. * * * 1 Tim. iv : 1, 2.

Saturday 15

Materialism.

BUT God said unto him, Thou foolish one, this night is thy soul required of thee; and the things which thou hast prepared—whose shall they be?

So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Luke xii : 20, 21 (Rev. Ver.)

Sunday 16

PRAYER—That our Whole Church may be Aroused to the Importance of Home Mission Work.

STILL how vast is the work awaiting us! In the frontiers and in the heart of our country, in desert places and in our teeming cities are millions of neglected children unreached by Christian influences. For Christ's sake and humanity's sake we must press the work given us, until the present darkness of ignorance and sin has given way to the dawn of that fair morning of eternal day which shall know no night. MRS. D. R. JAMES.

Monday 17

For all Missionaries.

BE strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed * * * With us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people *rested themselves* upon the words of the king.

2 Chron. xxxii : 7, 8.

Tuesday 18

For the Heathen in Our Own Land.

MAY God bless every mission to heathen people in the United States, raise up a multitude of faithful teachers, and restrain the powers of evil. And may we be guided in his service, for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Wednesday 19

THE Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken, and called the world from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof. Psalms i : 1.

Tell it out among the heathen, that the Lord is King. Psalms xcvi : 10.

Thursday 20

For our Own and all Other Women's Societies.

HE calleth her tenderly,—"Mary!"
Sweet, sweet is His voice in the gloom;
He spake to us first, O my sisters,
So breathing our lives into bloom.
O Sun on our souls first arisen,
Give us light for the spirits that grope!
Make us loving, and steadfast, and loyal,
To bear up humanity's hope!
O Friend who forsakest us never,
Breathe through us thy errands forever.

Friday 21

For more Entire Consecration to the Service of the Master.

SO then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God.

Romans xiv : 12.

Saturday 22

THE way of the cross, rightly borne, is the only way to the everlasting light.

The path that threads the Garden of Gethsemane and climbs over the Hill of Calvary, alone conducts to the visions of the Easter morning and the glories of the Ascension Mount.

Sunday 23

Prayer for Home Mission Work of other Denominations.

LOOK not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
Phil. ii : 4.

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. * * * One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

One God and Father of All, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
Eph. iv : 3, 5, 6.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Phil. ii : 5

Monday 24

HOW shall we make a man know that God loves him?

There is no speech nor language in which that voice may not be heard.

Tuesday 25

THAT trust is sweetest and that faith the best
Which, having done such share
As human life demands, then leaves the rest
To the dear Father's care.

Wednesday 26

BEAUTIFUL is the activity which works for good and beautiful the stillness which waits for good; blessed the self-sacrifice of the one, and blessed the self-forgetfulness of the other.

R. COLLYER.

Thursday 27

STAND, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.

And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. Eph. vi : 14, 15.

Friday 28

IN spiritual things there is no attaining to higher light without obedience to conscience. This gives solidity to character and assurance to faith as nothing else does.

Saturday 29

BE ye strong, therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

2 Chron. xv. 7.

GO or send is the only option. * * * Whether others take hold or not, with or without co-operation, it is my business to obey my Lord at once in purpose and preparation, and to find or make a way of reaching the unevangelized. Responsibility is individual, untransferable, urgent.

REV. DR. A. C. THOMPSON.

There can be no living Church without a glowing love for missions.

Sunday 30

JESU, day by day
Lead us on life's way ;
Naught of dangers will we reckon,
Simply haste where Thou dost beckon,
Lead us by the hand,
To our Fatherland !

Hard should seem our lot,
Let us waver not ;
Never murmur at our crosses
In dark days of grief and losses ;
'T is through trials here
We must reach Thy sphere.

When the heart must know
Pain for others woe,
When beneath its own 't is sinking,
Give us patience, hope unshrinking,
Fix our eyes, O Friend,
On our journey's end !

Thus our path shall be
Daily traced by Thee ;
Draw Thou nearer when 't is rougher,
Help us most when most we suffer,
And when all is o'er
Ope to us Thy door.

Monday 31

CHRISTIAN America was the dream of a hundred great souls in the cabin of the Mayflower. "In the name of God, Amen," were the words with which they sealed their charter. A few degrees of longitude along a barbarous coast embodied its area. But its inspiration was great enough to kindle lights, which, in two centuries, flamed across the Continent. We dream to-night of the end of the twentieth century. Six hundred millions of prosperous happy people will crowd from ocean to ocean, and from all our shores send Christian truth, liberty and hope around the world. But great dreams imply great duties ; they are summed up in one word ; this land for Christ. DR. C. L. THOMPSON.

DEAR LORD, stir up the hearts of all who profess Christianity to prayer and deeds of mercy in behalf of the Indian tribes who dwell in our land. Send to them the light and comfort of Thy Holy Gospel, for Christ's sake. Amen!

Tuesday 1

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Anadarko (Mary Gregory Memorial)—Rev. Silas V. Fait, Superintendent.

LET us thank God for a little success and pray for more. Let us never sheath the sword till the whole land is won for Jesus. Courage, my heart! Go on little by little, for many littles will make a great whole.

Miss Jeannie Templeton, Miss Jeannette Smith, Matrons.

God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all suffering in all things may abound to every good work. 2 Cor. ix : 8.

Miss Bertha Whitehead, Miss Amelia Johnson, Teachers.

The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. Psalms cxix : 130.

Not by might, nor by My power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Wednesday 2

Dwight, I. T.—Miss Anna R. Miller, Miss Isabel Miller, Teachers.

IN nature the tree's fruits feed the hunger of men. No tree consumes its own fruits; it drops them for those who come to gather them. Shall we be selfish in our fruit-bearing?

Thursday 3

Elm Sring, I. T.—Miss Carrie H. Montgomery, Miss M. Carrie Elliott, Teachers.

LORD, go before and point the road;
I know not whither it may lead,
Nor what the work thou hast decreed,
Enough that though wilt bear the load!

Friday 4

McAlister, I. T.—Rev. Ralph J. Lamb, Superintendent.

AND they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Daniel xii : 3.

Saturday 5

Park Hill, I. T.—Miss Estelle E. Mathes, Miss Nellie R. Cunningham, Teachers.

LET Thy sweet presence light my way,
And hallow every cross I bear,
Transmuting duty, conflict, care,
Into love's service day by day.

Sunday 6

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Muskogee (Henry Kendall College)—Rev. W. R. King, President.

LEAD me in Thy truth, and teach me, for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day. Psalms xxv : 5.

A wise man will hear and will increase learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs i : 5, 7.

Monday 7

Mr. Fred. J. Taylor, Mr. Leonard W. Williams, Teachers.

SEEK ye out of the book of the Lord and read. Isa. xxxiv 16.

Hold fast the form of sound words. 2 Tim. i : 13.

Tuesday 8

Miss Eva M. Huey, Mrs. Phoebe Riddell, Matrons.

MAKE a rule and pray to God to help you to keep it, never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say I have made one human being at least a little wiser, a little happier, or a little better this day.

Wednesday 9

Miss Grace R. Kearu, Music Teacher.

MUSIC is a higher revelation than wisdom and philosophy.

BEETHOVEN.

Thursday 10

Miss Alice L. Crosby, Miss M. E. Mathes, Miss Alice Robertson, Miss Carolyn Courtray, Miss Laura V. Parish, Teachers.

NOT unto all the tuneful lips are given
The ready tongue, the words so strong and sweet;
Yet all may turn with humble, willing feet
And bear to darkened souls the light from heaven.

Friday 11

Mrs. A. E. Robertson, Interpreter.

WHAT we want is not merely that His power may accompany our word, but that we may not speak our own at all, but simply and only the very word of the King. Then there will be power in and with it. MISS HAVERGAL.

Saturday 12

Miss Lucy H. Sansom, Music Teacher.

ALL music upon earth is beautiful in as far as it is a pattern and type of the everlasting music which is in Heaven.

Sunday 13

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Nuyaka—Mr. W. B. Robe, Superintendent.

CAUSE me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.
Psalms cxliii : 8

Monday 14

Nuyaka—Mrs. W. B. Robe, Miss M. F. Robe, Matrons.

GUIDE me to those who need my help,
Teach me to see their need,
That I may speak the word that cheers
And do the kindly deed;
And if the work Thou shalt appoint
Is what the world counts small,
Make me contented with my lot
And faithful in it all.

Tuesday 15

Nuyaka—Miss Lida A. Robe, Miss Mary A. Robe, Miss Martha E. Ashley, Teachers.

THERE are orders meant for you.
Swift and jubilant they ring,
Oh! the bliss of being trusted
On the errands of the King!

Wednesday 16

Nuyaka—Mr. John M. Robe, Industrial Teacher.

FOR we are laborers together with God
1 Cor. iii : 9.

Tulsa—Miss Anna M. Thomson, Teacher.

There is not an hour of the busy day
But He comes to thee in the shining way;
He holds great gifts in his kindly hands,
And he whispers softly of love's commands.

Thursday 17

Tahlequa—Mr. Chas. A. Peterson, Superintendent.

TAKE heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; that thy profiting may appear to all.
1 Tim. iv : 16.

Tahlequa—Miss E. Trotter, Matron.

Be girded and strong to-day for Thy ministry to others. JOHN RUSKIN.

Friday 18

Tahlequa—Miss Sara M. Williams, Miss Lucy M. Shafer, Miss M. F. Paden, Teachers.

FEARLESS march in royal service;
Not an evil can befall
Those who do his gracious bidding
Hasting at the Master's call.

Saturday 19

Tahlequa—Miss Lucretia C. Miller, Music Teacher.

I THINK He consecrated song for us, and made it a sweet and sacred thing for ever, when He Himself "sang an hymn," the very last thing before He went forth to consecrate suffering for us.

Sunday 20

Tucson, Arizona—Mr. Frazier S. Herndon, Superintendent.

HE that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. Isaiah xlix : 10.

Mrs. Frazier S. Herndon, Matron.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom ; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Proverbs xxxi : 26.

Miss. Alice M. Brandt, Girls' Matron.

All thy children shall be taught of the Lord ; and great shall be the peace of thy children. Isaiah liv : 13.

Monday 21

Tucson—Miss Laura W. Pierson, Miss Mary C. Atwater, Teachers.

YE shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you. Acts i : 8.

Tuesday 22

Tucson—Miss Lillian North, Miss Alice Armstrong, Miss E. Bradford, Cooking Teachers.

OVER and over again,
No matter which way I turn,
I always find in the book of life
Some lesson I have to learn.
I must take my turn at the mill ;
I must grind out the golden grain ;
must work at my task with a resolute will,
Over and over again.

Wednesday 23

Tucson—Miss Nellie Thompson, Laundress.

WE often do more good by our sympathy than by our labors.
CANON FARRAR.

Mr. J. W. Martin, Carpenter; Mr. T. L, Vest, Farmer.

For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. vi : 7.

Thursday 24

Sacaton, Arizona—Mr. Carl Schurz. Tama, Iowa—Mr. Ed. Jackson, Mr. G. A. Reaugh, Evangelists.

AND they said one to another, Was not our heart burning within us, while he spake to us in the way, while he opened to us the scriptures? Luke xxiv : 32 (Rev. Ver.)

Friday 25

Lapwai, Idaho—Miss Kate McBeth, Missionary.

THY shoes shall be iron and brass, and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

Tama, Iowa—Mrs. G. A. Reaugh, Matron.

Thou cam'st not to thy place by accident.
It is the very place God meant for thee.
TRENCH.

Saturday 26

Laguna, New Mexico - Miss Rada Mathes, Miss E. P. Houston, Teachers.

THERE is never a way so narrow and short
But the Master's work is there ;
There is something to do for His dear sake,
Or something to calmly bear.

SAID a converted Indian, "You do not know what it is to stand in the dark and reach out your hand, and take hold of nothing."

Sunday 27

Wolf Point, Montana—Mrs. Cynthia D. King, Teacher.

MY word that goeth forth out of my mouth shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah lv : 11.

Porcupine, So. Dakota—Mrs. Wyllis K. Morris, Missionary.

HE gave some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Ephesians, iv : 11, 12.

SIMON POKAGON, last chief of the Pottawattamie Pokagon Band, writes in the August *Forum* of "The Future of the Red Man." It is claimed, he says, that the United States have paid out five hundred million dollars in trying to subdue the red man by military force. But now, through the influence of good men and women who have thrown the searchlight of the golden rule into the great heart of the nation, her policy is changed. Where hundreds of thousands of dollars were paid out annually to fight him, like sums are now being paid yearly to educate him in citizenship and self-support, that his children may not grow up a race of savages to be again fought and cared for at the expense of the nation. This policy, if not perfect, is certainly on the right trail to success.

Monday 28

Good Will, South Dakota—Rev. G. S. Baskerville, Superintendent.

GATHER the people together, men, women and children, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God. Deut. xxxi : 12.

Miss Lizzie Baskerville, Mrs. A. L. Canfield, Matrons.

WHAT shall be our word for Jesus?
Master, give it day by day;
Even as the need arises, teach thy children what to say.
Give us holy love and patience; grant us deep humility,
That of self we may be emptied, and our hearts be full of thee.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

Mr. Alex. Black, Miss K. L. Loudon, Teachers.

LET the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Ephesians iii : 16.

Miss A. L. Miller, Miss Cunningham, Boys' Matrons.

TAKE heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. Acts xx : 28.

Mr. W. J. Smith, Mr. E. C Angell, Farmers.

WHATSOEVER thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. Eccles. ix : 10.

With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men. Eph. vi : 7.

Prayer for the Board of Home Missions.

THY kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What are all your kings, all your nobles, all your stars, all your diadems and your tiaras, when you put them all together, compared with the dignity of winning souls for Christ, with the special honor of building for Christ. C. H. SPURGEON.

Tuesday 1

PRAYER.—That the Church of Christ may not Turn a Deaf Ear to His last Command.

GOD has given us a home in the best of all lands. He has clothed us with the finest of fabrics. He has fed us with the best food ever spread before mortal man. He has decked us with jewels from the mine and with gems from the ocean. Of us this day he asks an offering—a sacrifice—that will express our love for our ascended Lord, our love for souls and our obedience to his last command. It may be that neither you nor I can go, but all can send. Would that the solemn declaration of the sainted Dr. Grant, of Persia, might nerve our hearts and compel us to noble action: "I dare not go up to the judgment seat until I have done my utmost to promote the Kingdom of God in the earth."

REV. T. MARSHALL, D. D.

Wednesday 2

THE work of the Board is as broad as the vast domain of our country. It reaches many nationalities, German, French, Scandinavian, Dane, Bohemian, Hungarian, Hebrew, Italian, Mexican and the many tribes of Indians. The far-off Alaskan, the phenomenal and inexpressible Mormon, the poor in the slums of the city, the miners in the camps of the West, and the mountaineers of the South are embraced in the operations of the Board.

Thursday 3

THE Board of Home Missions believes that we must save our own country, first for its own sake, and then for the sake of other nations. America Christianized would hasten the conversion of the world. Every new church we organize at home is a new source of money and missionaries for the work abroad.

Friday 4

THE battle hymn of the Republic expressed the instinct of the people that in the history of our country, "Our God is marching on!" And this is our inspiration in the heroic work of home missions.

Saturday 5

THIS is life eternal that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

John xvii : 3.

Sunday 6

Prayer for all Missionaries Throughout our Land, and Weak Churches on our Frontier.

SAVE Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; feed them also, and lift them up for ever.
Psalms xxviii : 9.

Monday 7

THEN sow, for the hours are fleeting,
And the seed must fall to-day;
And care not when hands shall reap it,
Or if you shall have passed away
Before the waving cornfields
Shall gladden the sunny day.

ADELAIDE PROCTOR.

Tuesday 8

THINK what God doeth for man; so may'st thou know
How God-like service is, and serve also.

W. L. LINTON.

Wednesday 9

OUR missionaries are soldiers of the cross who have turned away from the money-making business of life to fight the battles of the kingdom. They are not the kind of soldiers who are in barracks, but are at the front, many of them on the picket line. They do not stand upon the fortified towers of Zion and man theological columbiads; they are pushing on to broader conquests, and as they advance they build fortifications for the rear guard to occupy.

Thursday 10

YET there is room within my fold;
I purchased it with pangs untold—
Sighs, anguish, prayers, on mountain cold.

O ye, my friends, with each I plead,
If that ye are my friends, indeed,
Think on my lost—their suffering heed.

Friday 11

IF we set before ourselves the task of bringing the world to Christ we have all the unbelief and all the inertia and all the hostility of the world to resist us. If we do as we are bidden, carry Christ to all the world, we have all the impulse and might of his own life to carry us forward in our work.

DR. GORDON.

Saturday 12

THE glory of Christianity is that it enlarges the heart. The man who has caught the spirit of Christ is in cordial sympathy with every home missionary who rides his Indian pony across the plains, and with every foreign missionary who preaches the gospel to those who lie in darkness and the shadow of death. A Christian is a cosmopolitan.

Sunday 13

Prayer for our Treasury. For a Large Outpouring of the grace of Self-denial and Liberality upon all Christians.

WE give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Monday 14

TEACH us to love and give like Thee!
Not narrowly men's claims to measure,
But daily question all our powers,
To whose cup can we add a pleasure?
Whose path can we make bright with flowers?

WHITTIER.

Tuesday 15

WE should consider the missionaries as our brethren, representing us and doing our work for us, just as in the time of war the loyal citizen feels that every soldier at the front is his soldier.

MISSIONARY HERALD (English).

Wednesday 16

THIS is what Christianity is for—to teach men the art of life. And its whole curriculum lies in one word, "Learn of Me."

DRUMMOND.

Thursday 17

LET us work—"Thy Kingdom come."
Work! while yet the day is clear,
Work, till at the set of sun
Toil is o'er, and Home is near.
Blessed Home!
Saviour! bid "Thy Kingdom come."

Friday 18

CHRISTLIEB used to say that every man had need of a threefold conversion—of the heart, to secure holy affections; of the head, to secure right convictions, and of the purse, to secure ample offerings.

Saturday 19

THE man who does not believe in missions – foreign or domestic—who does not want to have their needs brought constantly to his attention, must be prepared to take heroic measures with himself. He must give up the Lord's Prayer; he must forget the Catholic Creeds; he must put away the Prayer Book; he must close his Bible; he must go no more to the Lord's Table, to be reminded of the one "full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the *whole world*." Who is ready to pay such a price?

ST. ANDREW'S CROSS.

Sunday 20

Prayer for Blessing on our Missionary Literature, Magazines, Leaflets, etc.

VITALIZED by stirring facts, energized by the throbbing heart of a great benevolent movement which is allied to the highest type of patriotism, such reading should never be dull save only to those whose souls are not athrill to the onward progress of God's kingdom. Not because of mere literary merit, though they should not lack in that; not because the page appeals to the eye, though neither should there be careless or indifferent work, or lack in attractiveness here; but because of the great principle for which they stand as helps in hastening the time when America shall be truly Christian, do we ask that a place be given in every Presbyterian household to the publications of our organization.

N. V. FINKS.

Monday 21

THERE is a voice, a "still small voice" of love,
Heard from above.
But not amidst the din of earthly sounds,
Which here confounds;
By those withdrawn apart it best is heard,
And peace, sweet peace, breathes in each gentle word.

Tuesday 22

WE live in a new and exceptional age. America is another name for opportunity. Our whole history appears like the last effort of the Divine Providence in behalf of the human race. EMERSON.

Wednesday 23

SPEAK with My words unto them, for thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a hard language, whose words thou can'st not understand.

Thursday 24

GOOD work, earnest work, prayerful work, can never be without a blessing to the worker, which will follow him, after life's endless toil and endeavor, to his rest. And what greater work than the saving of a soul! R. N. CUST.

Friday 25

HE charged us to testify, that through His name every one that believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.

Acts x : 40.

Saturday 26

TO make no more sacrifices for the work of missions than many of us are accustomed to make, is not simply to play with missions, it is to turn the whole stupendous enterprise of bringing humanity into loyalty to God into a solemn mockery.

THE ADVANCE.

Sunday 27

PRAYER—That Christian People may be awakened to the Magnitude of their Responsibility.

ABOUT one-fifth of the 21,000 persons who landed on our shores from 1620 to 1640 were Presbyterians, says Mather. Many more of like faith and polity came from the various countries of Europe during the latter half of the century. Francis Mackemie was the organizer of American Presbyterianism. About 1690, the first congregations were gathered, and these were organized into a presbytery in 1705. In the minutes of the first presbytery and synod are found "supplications" from new and distant settlements for missionaries, and also the order for annual collections from all the churches to be used in the support of such missionaries.

The first General Assembly, in May, 1789, resolved that "the state of the frontier settlements should be taken into consideration, and missionaries sent to them." Ours is a missionary church. Her motto has ever been, "Our whole land for Christ, and Christ for our whole land."

Monday 28

BUT if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel. 1 Tim. v : 8.

Tuesday 29

LOOKING at our churches in their relation to the missionary work, what we wish for them is a permanent loyalty to Christ, and a sense of direct, personal responsibility to Him for the spread of His Gospel. MARK HOPKINS.

Wednesday 30

THE danger of this nation is that we are losing sight of the great heritage of the Puritans—faith in manhood, allegiance to conscience, and belief in God.
PRESIDENT PATTON.

Thursday 31

CHRIST also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.—Eph. v : 25, 27.

Prayer for the Board of Freedmen in all its Departments.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto Thee. Hide not Thy face from me, incline Thine ear unto me; in the day when I call answer me speedily.

Ps. cii : 1, 2.

Let the Christianity of our century, and especially of our beloved America, which we believe to be ripening into something nobler, sweeter and more beneficent than that of long generations past, declare for a world-wide liberty of the conscience, and seek by all gentle and proper means to free the down-trodden from spiritual slavery, and bring mankind into that noble and genial atmosphere, where the soul can have untrammelled intercourse with its Creator, and freely seek its own highest welfare as God gives it light.

Friday 1

Scotia Seminary, Concord, N. C.—Mrs. D. J. Satterfield, Miss A. C. Percival, Miss Mary C. Bell.

EYE hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1 Cor. ii : 9, 10.

WHEN that light flashes forth which is to shine from the East unto the West, dissolving in its divine alembic all metes and bounds, all longitudes and latitudes, it will be found that a soul is not estimated by comparison, but that each one, shedding its garment of flesh, stands forth in the image of God, and is deemed worth the sacrifice of His only begotten Son. Of the neglected black as of the white He will say in sorrowful reproach, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these ye did it not to Me."

Saturday 2

Ingleside Seminary, Burkeville, Va.—Mrs. G. C. Campbell, Miss M. Robinson, Miss H. J. McCay.

WE have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts.

2 Peter 1 : 19.

WHAT has education done for the Negro? It has caused some of our Southern boys and girls to put a part of the English Bible into the African language. It has made college presidents of some of our bootblacks. It has made preachers of truth and righteousness out of our hotel boys It has made college professors of the first order out of cotton-pickers. It has given us lawyers and doctors of whom you cannot be ashamed. It has filled hundreds of public schoolhouses with teachers who give honor to their profession.

Sunday 3

MARY ALLEN SEMINARY, Crockett, Texas; Rev. J. B. Smith, D.D.; Mrs. J. B. Smith, Miss E. Ferguson, Miss C. E. Logan, Miss S. Gailey, Miss Della J. Barber, Mrs. B. A. Gilson, Miss Cora C. Colborn.

Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress; a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. Is. xxv : 4.

Monday 4

Danville Industrial High School, Danville, Va.—Mrs. W. E. Carr.

TO lead a people away from degredation, to teach those who have no inheritance of steady purpose to arise into new habits of thought and feeling, into a faith which really purifies the heart and the life, is not the work of a year, nor of fifty years.

Tuesday 5

Mt. Gilead Mission, Lukfata, Ind. Ter.—Rev. J. H. Sleeper.

TO bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. Is. lxi : 1.

Wednesday 6

Oak Hill School, near Fowlerville, Ind. Ter.—Mrs. E. F. McBride.

IT is not enough to work for Christ; let Christ work through you. Be not a fountain, but a channel. Better be a wire for the transmission of Christ's power than a battery.

F. B. MEYER.

Thursday 7

McClelland Mission School, Newman, Ga.—Mrs. B. L. Glenn.

NO Church is living as a Church which is not fulfilling the command of commands. The first duty of a Christian is to make other people Christians, and the first duty of a church is to make other Christian churches until the whole world is covered with them.

ARCHBISHOP BENSON.

Friday 8

Barber Memorial Seminary, Anniston, Alabama—Mrs. Geo. B. Crawford, Mrs. M. E. Fister, Miss Elizabeth E. Gillam.

LEAD me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

Saturday 9

Mary Potter Memorial, Oxford, N. C.—Mrs. G. C. Shaw, Miss K. N. Hughes, Miss Eunice Dudley.

IT is only as the Negro is taught to mix in with his religious fervor and emotion, habits of industry, economy, land, houses with two or three rooms, and a little bank account, just as the white man does, will he have a Christianity that will be worthy of the name.

Sunday 10

Prayer for all Scholars under the Care of the Freedmen's Board, that They may be Brought to Christ.

GRANT to us, O Lord, that we, being called by Thy holy word, forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfill Thy commandments, and endeavor also to draw others unto Thee. Amen.

Monday 11

Haines Normal and Industrial School, Augusta, Ga.—Miss Lucy C. Laney, Miss I. Smallwood, Miss M C. Jackson.

THE God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 1 Peter v : 10.

Tuesday 12

Good Will Mission, near Mayesville, S. C.—Rev. I. D. Davis, Mrs. I. D. Davis, Miss L. A. Ross.

I WILL rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart, and with my whole soul. Jer. xxxii : 41.

Wednesday 13

Monticello Academy, Monticello, Ark.—Mrs. C. S. Mebane, Mr. T. M. Oglesby, Miss T. E. Hargrave.

HE traineth so
That we may shine for Him in this dark world,
And bear His standard dauntlessly unfurled;
That we may show
His praise by lives that mirror back His love,
His witnesses on earth, as He is ours above.

Thursday 14

Parochial School, Nottoway, Va. — Miss L. Thompson.

GOD is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

2 Cor. ix : 8.

Friday 15

Richard Allen Institute, Pine Bluff, Ark.—Mrs. Lewis Johnston, Miss Jamie Jones, Miss S. H. Dunton.

THROUGH the Gospel of Christ, and the gospel of work, the Negro's soul mus be redeemed, and his body trained to true manhood.

Saturday 16

Cotton Plant Academy, Cotton Plant, Ark.—Mrs. F. C. Potter, Miss S. E. Cowan, Miss I. N. Hall.

THEREFORE, great heart, bear up! thou art but type
Of what all lofty spirits endure that fain
Would win men back to strength and peace
Through love.

LOWELL.

We went into slavery property, we came out citizens; we went into slavery pagans, we came out Christians; we went into slavery without a language, we came out speaking the proud Anglo-Saxon tongue; we went into slavery with the slave chains clanking about our wrists, we came out with the American ballot in our hands. This, this is our past. I ask the Church to say what shall be the future.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Sunday 17

PRAYER.—That the Eyes of the Church may be Opened to See the Needs and Importance of this Work.

FATHER in heaven, pardon all our negligence in times past, and give us grace continually to examine ourselves, and to amend our lives according to Thy holy word.

Monday 18

Allan Memorial, Jetersville, Va.—Mrs. S. J. Neil.

THROUGH doubt, through faith, through bliss, through stark dismay;
Through sunshine, wind, or snow, or fog, or shower,
Draw me to Thee, who art my only day.

GEO. MACDONALD.

Tuesday 19

Mt. Airy Parochial School, Mt. Airy, N. C.—Mrs. T. B. Hargrave.

THUS saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel. In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.

Isa. xxx : 15.

Wednesday 20

Julia B. Kendall School, Sumter, S. C.—Rev. J. C. Watkins, Mrs. J. C. Watkins, Mr. R. A. Pindle.

AS the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. With good-will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men. Eph. vi : 6, 7.

Thursday 21

Parochial School, Ridgeway, Va.—Miss S. J. Harris.

GUIDE me in all my daily work,
Be near to help and bless;
And when upon life's busy path,
Conflicting duties press,
And when life's many calls perplex,
Speak, Lord, that I may know
The thing that Thou would'st have me do,
The way that I should go.

Friday 22

Parochial School, Asheville, N. C.—Miss N. Martin.

BEHOLD Him now where He comes
Not the Christ of our subtle creeds,
But the light of our hearts, of our homes,
Of our hopes, our prayers, our needs;
The brother of want and blame,
The lover of women and men,
With a love that puts to shame
All passions of mortal ken.

Saturday 23

Mary Holmes Seminary, West Point, Miss.—Mrs. H. N. Payne, Miss C. E. Crowe, Miss Susan Johnson, Mrs. M. B. Johnston, Miss H. G. Brown, Miss Nettie H. Dobbins, Miss Catharine Watt, Miss Billings.

LIFE is—to wake not sleep,
Rise and not rest, but press
From earth's level where blindly creep
Things perfected, more or less,
To the heaven's height, far and steep.

ROBERT BROWNING.

Sunday 24

PRAYER.—That all Justice may be Done to the Colored Race in Law and Politics.

HE'S true to God who's true to man; wherever wrong is done,
To the humblest and the weakest, 'neath the all-beholding sun,
That wrong is also done to us; and they are slaves most base,
Whose love of right is for themselves, and not for all their race.

LOWELL.

Monday 25

Parochial School, McConnellsville, S. C.—Mrs. A. A. Jones.

THE soul, crippled by sin and weakened by indulgence, needs something more than knowledge. He who sees in Jesus only "a teacher come from God," sees not what the world most needs, a Power outside ourselves that makes for righteousness. Not, "I will show you the way," but "I *am* the way." is the joyful message of Jesus to a lost world.

THE EVANGELIST.

Tuesday 26

THERE is no escape, through law of man or God, from the inevitable.

The laws of changeless justice bind
Oppressor with oppressed;
And close as sin and suffering joined,
We march to fate abreast.

Wednesday 27

WHEREVER men possess reason and conscience, they possess in some measure the means of pleasing or displeasing God; wherever they can in the lowest degree conceive His law, they are bound to obey it.

REV. WM. ARTHUR BUTLER, D. D.

Thursday 28

NO race that has anything to contribute to the markets of the world is long in any degree ostracised. It is important and right that all privileges of the law be ours, but it is vastly more important that we be prepared for the exercise of these privileges.

Friday 29

THE return of a girl instructed in one of our schools for Freedmen means the transformation of a home, the salvation of a family, and a blessing to the community where she goes.

Saturday 30

Prayer for Those Who are being Trained to be Ministers and Leaders Among their People.

WHERE we see but the darkness of the mine,
God sees the diamond shine.

Sunday 1

Prayer for the Woman's Board of Home Missions and its Administration.

DEAR Lord, teach us to do Thy work on earth in the strength of Thine own tender ministry unto us. Let labor for Thee be our delight, and all rest a weariness out of Thee. May we ever seek to do Thy will. We ask it for Thine own name's sake. Amen.

'Twas a woman that washed His feet with tears, and a woman anointed His body to the burial. They were women that wept when He was going to the Cross, and women that followed him from the Cross and sat by his sepulchre when he was buried. JOHN BUNYAN.

Monday 2

LET woman never be persuaded to forget that her calling is not the lower and more earthly one of self-assertion, but the higher and diviner one of self-sacrifice; and let her never desert that higher life, which lives in and for others like her Redeemer and her Lord.

Tuesday 3

WHEN the Saviour was come, women rejoiced in him before either man or angel.

Wednesday 4

AND to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. Rev. xix : 8.

Thursday 5

Prayer for the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

O SISTERS mine, *our* lives are full of blessing!
Can we not give from out our goodly store
Of health and strength, of time and thought, and money,
Of intellect and love, a little more
To carry blessed hope, and peace, and gladness
To hearts that ache from morning till the night?
To lift the souls that lie in gloom and sadness
Into the glory of the Christian's light.

Friday 6

REMEMBER, a woman cannot too soon learn womanhood's best mission—usefulness, tenderness and charity.
MISS MULOCK.

Saturday 7

AND blessed is she that believed for there shall be a fulfillment of the things which have been spoken to her from the Lord. Luke i : 45 (Rev. Ver.)

WE trace the leaven of woman's organized work in its influence upon Christian homes. During the years that they have labored and prayed for this work, and written it upon the very doorposts of their homes, and hung it as frontlets upon the brows of their children, a new generation has grown up, and it is a missionary generation. F. F. ELLINWOOD.

Sunday 8

PRAYER.—That our Mission Schools may prosper.

AS the acorn to the oak, so, in a heathen or superstitious community, is the mission day school to the future church. The acorn lies hidden in the soil, seemingly dormant; but, in time, responsive to the rain and the sunshine, life is manifest, and the young oak springs upwards, destined to live after the hand that planted it has crumbled to dust.

Monday 9

Prayer for our Superintendent of Mission Schools.

ENCOURAGE the faint-hearted, support the weak, be long-suffering towards all. 1 Thess. v : 14 (Rev. Ver.)

Put on, therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, humility. Col. iii : 12.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Col. iii : 15.

Tuesday 10

For Day Schools.

THE vital truths of God's Word, planted and nurtured day by day in the minds of children by the consecrated Christian teachers, will as surely bring forth fruit in God's time as seed in the natural world, and churches grown from such seed cannot fail to glorify God.

Wednesday 11

For Academies.

THE excellency of knowledge is that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.— Eccles. vii : 12.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.. Matt xxviii : 20.

Thursday 12

For Boarding and Industrial Schools.

LOOKING at the routine of school-teaching, it doesn't seem to count for much in saving souls; but looking at these girls who have gone out from this and other schools, and what they are doing, I say, "Blessed be school-teaching," and take up my work with a humble, happy heart.

DR. HOLBROOK.

Friday 13

For Missions and House to House Visitation.

HE who scatters the truth taught in God's word over all parts of our land, will be saving the lives and morals of his own children, and saving the honor, and perhaps the very existence of our country.

Saturday 14

That "not one of these little ones shall perish."

I SAW the little children round thee press,
Each in its turn receiving thy caress;
How tender was thy touching of these flowers,
The fairest things in this dark world of ours,
And nearest heaven in their innocence.
Therefore, O Lord, thou still dost take them hence
They are so easy to transplant within,
So lightly rooted in the soil of sin,
Growing almost upon heaven's outer fence.

A. E. H.

Sunday 15

O LORD Jesus Christ, be Thou near us, to defend us; within us, to refresh us; around us, to preserve us; before us, to guide us; behind us, to justify us; and above us, to bless us. Amen.

Monday 16

For a great Out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Missionaries, Evangelists and Teachers.

THE Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul, and thou shalt be like a watered garden.
Isaiah lviii : 11.

Tuesday 17

That our Teachers may be Preserved from Dangers Incident to their Location.

ABIDE in me. John xv : 4.
Walk in the Spirit. Gal. v : 16.
The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and is safe. Prov. xviii : 10.

Dear Saviour, then teach me the lesson,
Each day to abide in the vine,
To bend all my effort in danger
To hasten inside of the line.

Wednesday 18

That Hindrances to Mission Work may be Removed.

OUR business in this world is to conquer it for Jesus. We are not to make compromises, but to exterminate evil. We are not to seek popularity, but to wage unceasing war with iniquity.

Thursday 19

For Parents who have Given their Children to Mission Work.

FOR God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son. John iii : 16.
The worst off need the best we have. God gave His best, even His only begotten Son, in order to redeem a lost world. The most darkened and degraded souls need the most thinking.

Friday 20

For Teachers and Missionaries at Home Seeking Rest and Health.

MY Master, in Thine hand it is to measure
My times of work and weariness for Thee:
My times of rest return at Thy good pleasure,
By lake or mountain, wood or murmuring sea.
But to give sweetness to my hours of leisure,
Come Thou Thyself, O Lord, and rest with me.

Saturday 21

For Those who have grown Old in the Service of the Master.

IN many cases the Lord gives His servants a long and calm evening. They worked hard all day and wore themselves out in their Master's service, and so He said to them, "Now rest in anticipation of that eternal Sabbath which I have prepared for you."

Sunday 22

Prayer for the Annual Meetings of the Women's Boards and Societies.

YE that are the Lord's remembrancers, take ye no rest, and give Him no rest till he establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isa. lxii : 6, 7.

Monday 23

Prayer that Woman's Christian Work may have "Showers of Blessings."

AND I will make with them a covenant of peace. * * * and there shall be showers of blessings.

Ezekiel xxxiv : 25, 26.

Tuesday 24

For Those who are Striving to reach greater Liberty in the Gospel Light.

I WANT a living God who cares for men, forgives men, saves men from their sins; and Him I have found in the Bible, and nowhere else, save in the facts of life which the Bible interprets.

CHAS. KINGSLEY.

Wednesday 25

Thanksgiving that all Christian Workers are Counted His Friends.

HENCEFORTH I call you not servants for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

John xv : 15.

Thursday 26

Thanksgiving that Woman's Work is Broadening.

WHERESOEVER this Gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

Matt. xxvi : 13.

Friday 27

That every Woman in our Church may be Aroused to a Sense of her own Responsibility.

HASTE, O haste and spread the tidings
Wide to earth's remotest strand;
Let no brother's bitter chidings
Rise against us when we stand
In the judgment
From some far forgotten land.

Saturday 28

JESUS saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto Him Rabboni; which is to say Master. * * *

Go to My brethren and say unto them I ascend unto My Father, and your Father, and to My God and your God.

John xx : 16, 17.

Sunday 29

BELOVED, thou doest a faithful work in whatsoever thou doest toward them that are brethren and strangers withal. * * * He that doeth good is of God. Peace be unto thee. III John v: 11, 14.

This is woman's era. Her influence and presence are in all spheres. Woman has an instinct for religion. Living a life of greater seclusion than man, her heart in the silence, like a flower in the darkness, has grown toward the light. And this spiritual faculty has found the natural field for its operations in missionary work.

Her enthusiasm, her swift hostility to the more degrading sins, her sympathy which bears all the sorrows of those around her, her intuition of the Divine Fatherhood and her patience, qualify women for kinds of work which most men can never do so well. But there is one thing that men can do—they can remember the Apostle's injunction, "Help those women."

Monday 30

WHOSO hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil. Prov. i : 33.

Tuesday 31

THE Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. Exodus xiv : 14.

Children of light, now at your work, teaching, laboring, praying for the poor and the fallen, for the sorrowful and friendless, for the Christless and the world-bound; be thankful that you are used; be thankful for your place in the quiver of God, whence He takes you, day by day, and sends you on some life-work. What though you do grow weary? What though the weight of care does grind you to powder? Be thankful for a life that has a point and an aim, and a gift of strength from God. Let Him send you where He will, and while He will; then Life will be the flight of a winged arrow over a chosen way; and Death, the death of the useful is not defeat: it is the hour when the polished, yet perishable shaft, drawn from God's quiver, shot from God's bow, buries itself and shatters itself in the Eternal and Imperishable Mark! Amen.

LET Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.
Ps. xxxiii : 22.

"It is a good land which the Lord our God doth give us."

Wednesday 1

BEHOLD, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.
John iv : 35.

Thursday 2

HERE is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land Gen. xlvii : 23.

I will forgive their sins and will heal their land. II Chron. vii : 14.

Friday 3

AND he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal.
John iv : 36.

Saturday 4

LET a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. I Cor. iv : 1.

In much the same way that Palestine in the Apostolic age was the route through which the world could be reached most readily, is our land the highway of the nations. Thousands of its people are here only as sojourners, having planned before they came to return to their former homes; and we need only to kindle in them the love of Christ in order to make them missionaries of His cross, as Samson had but to fasten and light his torches, assured that the foxes would bear them through all the fields of the enemy. Others, more firmly attached to the soil, feel, nevertheless, the thrills of sympathy with their kindred afar off, for whom they begin to yearn and pray and labor so soon as their hearts are transformed by grace.

Will the Christian hosts of our land heed the call of God to carry on this work? Will they recognize their duty and rise to it? Will they devote to it their noblest energies, their richest gifts? I believe that they will. Aye, they are already doing it. Faster than the population moves the Church of God! Mightier than the triumphs of commerce are the triumphs of the Cross of Christ! We scan the horizon with anxiety, and yet an anxiety not unmingled with exultation, for amid all the clash and tumult of wordliness and sin, we discern evidences that God is yet to fill our beloved land with the glory of the Lord.

REV. A. J. BROWN.

Sunday 5

ONLY the fringe of this great land of Alaska has been enlightened by the knowledge of Christ. Pray and help, that the Sun of Righteousness may arise, with healing in his wings. J. W. RADCLIFFE.

The doors are open, and if we enter, we may be confident that we carry with us the lamp which God's own hand has lighted, whose rays, shining in darkness and gloom, will guide men to the true light, while the Lord himself, whose word we bear, will work with us and confirm His word by signs following. REV. E. W. GILMAN, D. D.

Monday 6

Chilcat—Rev. W. W. Warne, Superintendent.

AND he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord; and they shall abide. Micah v : 4.

Tuesday 7

Chilcat—Miss A. J. Manning, Miss F. H Willard, Matrons.

OH, that we could understand how deep Christ went for all the help and teaching that He gave! Out of the darkness of the wilderness came the light of the temple. Out of the darkness of the tomb came the light of the resurrection.
PHILLIPS BROOKS.

Wednesday 8

Fort Wrangel—Mrs. Clarence Thwing, Matron.

HELP me willingly to serve
As thy minister each day;
Never falter, never swerve,
Thou the glory of my way.
If I'm burdened, yet I'm blest—
Thou my shelter, shade, and rest.

Thursday 9

Hoonah—Mrs. J. W. McFarland, Teacher.

THE Christian life, in its higher form, involves that perpetual readiness to be used of God. Its daily life is God's quiver. C. CUTHBERT HALL.

Friday 10

Hydah—Mrs. A. R. McFarland, Teacher.

AND that their children may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God.—Deut. xxxi : 13.

Saturday 11

Point Barrow—Dr. Marsh, Medical Missionary.

IT is a solitary sort of life, but while I am obeying Christ's behest "Go and teach," He fulfills to me most wondrously His promise "Lo, I am with you alway."

Sunday 12

Alaska—Juneau—Rev. L. F. Jones, Superintendent.

LET the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. Psalm xc : 17.

Monday 13

Juneau—Mrs. L. F. Jones, Matron.

I PLEAD with those whose lives are bright,
For those who dwell in gloom,
On whom there breaks no starry rift
Of hope beyond the tomb.
I plead with those whose homes are fair,
For those whose homes are dim;
O guide them in the way of Christ,
That they may learn of Him.

MRS. M. E. SANGSTER.

Tuesday 14

Juneau—Miss Susan Davis, Ass't Matron.

WHOSOEVER shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily, I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. Matt. xi ; 42.

Wednesday 15

Juneau—Miss Mollie E. Gould, Matron.

MID Life's conflict, toil and snare,
This be evermore my care—
In my heart and everywhere—
That God's kingdom groweth.

Hands grow weary, hearts grow sore,
Burning beams upon us pour,
Life hath burdens more and more—
Yet God's Kingdom groweth.

Thursday 16

St. Lawrence Island—Mr. V. G. Gambell.

TO give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.—Luke 1 : 79.

I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest. Gen. xxviii : 15.

Friday 17

THERE is that in a young heart when God is there, that will lead it to enlist in any service, however difficult, and go anywhere, all around the world, on the errands of heaven.

PRES. E. D. EATON, D. D.

Saturday 18

THE weakest among us has a gift, however seemingly trivial, which is peculiar to him, and which, worthily used, will be a gift also to his race forever. Fool not, says George Herbert.

For all may have,
If they dare choose, a glorious life or grave.

JOHN RUSKIN.

Sunday 19

Sitka—Alaska—Hon. Wm. A. Kelly, Superintendent.

TO open shut doors we need only appeal to Him; to meet all threatening dangers we have only to rest in His power; and to secure all necessary workmen, money, and means for His work, we have only to appeal in believing prayer to Him who will refuse us nothing which we ask in Jesus' name. A. T. PIERSON.

Monday 20

Sitka—Dr. B. K. Wilbur, Physician and Surgeon.

INTO whatsoever city ye enter, heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. Luke x : 8, 9.

Tuesday 21

Sitka—Mrs. S. A. Wallace, Matron.

YET do thy work; it shall succeed
In thine or in another's day;
And if denied the victor's meed,
Thou shalt not lack the toiler's pay.
WHITTIER.

Wednesday 22

Sitka—Miss Anna M. Sheats, Matron.

LIFE is meant for work, and not for ease; to labor in danger and in dread, to do a little good ere the night comes when no man can work, instead of trying to realize for oneself a paradise. CHAS. KINGSLEY.

Thursday 23

Sitka—Miss E. C. Heizer, Teacher.

THE lips of the righteous feed many; the tongue of the just is as choice silver. Prov. x : 21, 22.

Friday 24

Sitka—Miss M. A. Saxman, Teacher.

HELP, Lord! A short but sweet, suggestive, seasonable, and serviceable prayer—a kind of Angel's sword, to be turned every way and to be used on all occasions.

Saturday 25

Sitka—Miss A. H. Carlin, Sewing Teacher.

A CHRISTIAN ought not to trouble himself about any work in relation to its size, whether it is little or great; the one thing to be aimed at is *fidelity to Christ.*

Sunday 26

Sitka—Mrs. M. K. Paul.

TO him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne. Rev. iii : 21.

Monday 27

Sitka—Mr. C. E. Coates, Mr. J. E. Gamble, Industrial Teachers.

EVERY man can help on the world's work more than he knows of. What we want is the single eye, that we may see what our work is; the humility to accept it, however lowly; the faith to do it for God; the perseverance to go on till death.
NORMAN MCLEOD.

Tuesday 28

Sitka—Miss Olga Hilton, Teacher.

WHATEVER our place allotted to us by Providence, that for us is the post of honor and duty. God estimates us not by the position we are in, but by the way we fill it.

Wednesday 29

Sitka—Mr. Geo. J. Beck, Carpenter.

IT is not doing the thing we like to do, but liking the thing we have to do, that makes life blessed.

Thursday 30

Sitka—Mr. F. E. Forbese, Painting Teacher.

I WOULD have the spirit or lamp of truth clear in the hearts of our artists and handicraftsmen. RUSKIN.

Alaska cost $7,000,000 when we purchased it thirty years ago. Its gold mines are expected to yield $10,000,000 the present year, and the values of furs and of fish taken this year are expected to bring up the yield to twice the original cost of that country. Our heterogeneous American population are flocking up to that land of varied climate and wealth, increasing its importance as a mission field.

That Christian work is greatly needed in Alaska is evident from the fact that child murder is yet too common, and witchcraft still practiced, and the aged strangled by their own children, and invalids either abandoned to die of starvation or their lives ended by the knife in the hands of friends.

Yet though sunken so low, these people are not inaccessible to the Gospel. They have yearnings for a better life; they are hungry and thirsty for the tidings of salvation. And the brave missionary will carry the Gospel to them.

Humble Confession of Shortcomings.

PRAYER for a baptism of the Spirit upon the women of our churches, that they may give themselves more heartily this year to this cause.

The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.

Death, and changes in official relations, harassing debt, especially trying during the last year, and increasing care, on the one side; on the other, the joy of witnessing the rapid establishment of these light-houses in the darkness—our Mission Schools—the birth of souls into the kingdom, thus extending the dominion of our Lord, and not least, the gathering of an army of women intensely loyal to Christ and our country, who stand shoulder to shoulder in prayer and resolve to win this land for Christ; all these have crowded so into the passing seasons that the measure of years seems inadequate.

He has guided us through the years with great loving-kindness. He has sent the Holy Spirit to energize the Word taught in our schools. He has called souls into His Kingdom through the instrumentality of our teachers. He has helped our treasury until our great debt is nearly paid; *let us praise Him!* Let us "Sing forth the honor of His name, and make His praise glorious."

MARY E. JAMES.

If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise from another place; and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

Esth. iv: 14.

Friday 1

IS it not perfectly erroneous to talk of the failure of missions, when they started with one hundred and twenty despised Galileans, and when now there are at least one hundred and twenty millions of Protestants, and they have in their power almost all the wealth and almost all the resources of the world.

ARCHDEACON FARRAR.

Saturday 2

WE talk about the early triumphs of Christianity; but the early records of the Church, bright as they may be, pale in the light of what is taking place before our eyes in the present time.

The great secret of a world-wide passion for missions is an appreciation of Jesus Christ in his world-wide relations.

REV. C. H. PARKHURST.

Sunday 3

Prayer for Synodical and Presbyterial Presidents.

OBEY my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. Jer. vii: 23.

Monday 4

NEITHER is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

1 Cor. iii: 7.

Tuesday 5

IF you desire to accomplish great things for God, do not try to make a great beginning. Let your own concern be to do faithfully whatever work the Master sets before you.

Wednesday 6

AS soon as we lay ourselves entirely at His feet, we have enough light given us to guide our own steps; as the foot soldier, who hears nothing of the councils that determine the course of the great battle he is in, hears plainly enough the word of command which he must himself obey. GEORGE ELIOT.

Thursday 7

I HAVE finished the work which thou gavest me to do. John xvii: 4.

She hath done what she could.

Mark xiv: 8.

Friday 8

HE who God's will has borne and done,
And his own restless longings stilled;
What else he does or has forgone,
His mission he has well fulfilled.

Saturday 9

STRIKE from the world's history what has been done for Jesus' sake. Go back along the tracks of time and erase the deeds that have been wrought, the self-denials undergone, the books written, the lives lived, the martyrdoms endured, the stern missions begun and prosecuted, and how poor the world would be.

Sunday 10

PRAYER.—Thanksgiving for the Souls Won to Christ during the Year, and Prayer that Christ's New Life may begin in many Souls.

VERILY there is a reward for the righteous; verily He is a God that judgeth the earth. Psalms lviii : 11.

Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. 1 Cor. iii : 8.

Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be. Rev. xxii : 12.

Monday 11

UNMEASURED and unlimited,
With noiseless slide of stone to stone,
The mystic church of God has grown.
Invisible and silent stands
The temple never made with hands.

Tuesday 12

THE wish often falls warm on my heart that I may learn nothing here that I cannot continue in the other world; that I may do nothing here but deeds that will bear fruit in heaven.

JEAN PAUL RICHTER.

Wednesday 13

A COMMONPLACE life," we say and we sigh,
But why should we sigh as we say?
The commonplace sun in the commonplace sky
Makes up the commonplace day.
The moon and the stars are commonplace things
And the flower that blooms, and the bird that sings;
And dark were the world, and sad our lot,
If the flowers should fail, and the sun shine not—
And God, who studies each separate soul,
Out of commonplace lives makes His beautiful whole.

SUSAN COOLIDGE.

Thursday 14

THE measure of a nation's true success is the amount it has contributed to the thought, the moral energy, the intellectual happiness, the spiritual hope and consolation, of mankind.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

Friday 15

BE ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Cor. xv : 58.

Saturday 16

IF I were to offer one word for your future guidance, the one word would be, *fidelity*. It has a face toward God and toward man; and without a conscientious sense of responsibility, no great life is possible.

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON.

Sunday 17

Prayer for Those who Stand Alone for Christ and Truth.

O LORD have mercy on those that crave Thy mercy, give Grace unto them that stand in need thereof, and make us such as that we may be worthy to enjoy Thy Grace, and go forward to life eternal.

THOMAS À KEMPIS.

Monday 18

Prayer for more Faithful Service.

ONLY fear the Lord and serve him in truth, with all your heart; for consider how great things he hath done for you. 1 Sam. xii : 24

Tuesday 19

YOU cannot enter the presence of another human being without finding there more to do than you or I, or any soul, will ever learn to do perfectly before he die. Let us be content to do little, if God sets us at little tasks.

CHARLES KINGSLEY.

Wednesday 20

WITH aching hands and bleeding feet,
We dig and heap, lay stone on stone;
We bear the burden, and the heat
Of the long day, and wish 'twere done.
Not till the hours of light return,
All we have built do we discern.

MATTHEW ARNOLD.

Thursday 21

THE royal banners forward go. We are following One whose standard goes down before no onset, because upheld by immortal hands. The slow and stately movement of centuries has in our own time quickened to swift majesty of march to carry to supremacy the Lordship of Christ!

Friday 22

Prayer That we may be Kept from Undue Anxiety as to Results.

LET us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith.

Heb. xii : 1, 2. (Rev. Ver.)

Saturday 23

LIFE is too short to nurse one's misery. Hurry across the lowlands, that you may spend more time on the mountain tops.

PHILLIPS BROOKS.

Sunday 24

Thanksgiving for Results—Spiritual and Financial.

TWENTY-FIVE years ago there were 6 Synods west of the Mississippi River; to-day there are 16. Twenty-five years ago there were 29 Presbyteries in all that region; to-day there are 80. Twenty-fiye years ago there were 525 ministers there; to-day we have 1,759. Twenty-five years ago there were 33,463 church members; to-day there are 169,770. These are wonderful gains and are nearly all the direct outgrowth of the work of the Board of Home Missions.

Monday 25

THE end shall crown the work,
Work on, then, to the end;
Tho' oft the way is dark,
And clouds portend.
The work is ours to do;
Enough for our faint sight;
The end God knows. Press on,
The crown—is light. BOWKER.

Tuesday 26

MY word that goeth forth out of my mouth shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah lv: 11.

Wednesday 27

THE only failure a man ought to fear is failure in cleaving to the purpose he sees to be best.

GEORGE ELIOT.

Thursday 28

IN the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. Eccl. xi: 6.

Friday 29

LET no man think that sudden, in a minute,
All is accomplished and the work is done;
Though with thine earliest dawn thou shouldst begin it,
Scarce were it ended in thy setting sun.
F. W. MYERS.

Saturday 30

WELL done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Matt. xxv: 23. (Rev. Ver.)

Sunday 31

NOW unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the Church in Christ Jesus unto all generations, for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians iii : 20, 21.

Was there ever offered to the Christian Church a brighter field, or a more important work, than that which this country to-day presents? With a sea-coast thousands of miles long; with a territory comprising about one-fourteenth part of the habitable globe; with a population of nearly 70,000,000 of enlightened, energetic people; with an increasing tide of immigration rolling like a mighty ocean from the Atlantic to the Pacific; with the almost absolute certainty that our population will, in another century, rise to 300,000,000 or more; with alarming errors coming in like a flood from every land on the globe, scattering the seeds of superstition and infidelity far and wide; with more than 100,000 Chinese heathens within our bounds ready to be Christianized and trained to labor in their own vast heathen empire; with such a large share of our present population destitute of the preached Word; with our extended territories open and waiting for means of grace; with the fact that God has committed this whole work solely to American Christians, and with the providential indication that through us as a people, in an especial manner, shall the Gospel be carried to the nations which are now sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, can our Church fold her arms and say, "A little more sleep, and a little more slumber?"

So the workmen wrought and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state and strengthened it. II Chron. xxiv : 13.

WE have more than 9,000,000 foreign-born residents in the United States. Half of our 9,000,000 foreigners dwell in the largest 125 cities. In many of these cities, foreigners are in the ascendency. In nearly all, they hold the balance of power. The cities are the centres of thought, the sources of enterprise and the originators of great popular movements for good or evil. They largely control in forming party principles and governmental policy, and they control the wealth of the country. What the cities are the country will be in all the phases of national life. Our safety lies, in a great measure, in the evangelization of the foreign elements in our great centres of population.

Monday 1

THE end which the missionary may hope to attain is the establishment of a living, native, Christian church, strong enough to stand by itself and evangelize the nation.

REV. GEO. WASHBURN, D. D.

Tuesday 2

IF a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself.

Leviticus xix : 33.

Wednesday 3

TO know Christ ourselves, to live His life and to make Him known to others is the sum of Christian duty.

Thursday 4

GOD works in all things ; all obey
His first propulsion from the night ;
Wake thou and watch ! the world is gray
With morning light.

WHITTIER.

Friday 5

TIME cannot change men ;
Death cannot change men ;
Christ can ; wherefore put on Christ.

Saturday 6

THE new age has dawned,
A new leader has taken command,
The name of this leader is
Prince of Peace.

Sunday 7

Prayer for City Missions and Missionaries.

THEN all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication. Acts i : 14.

Monday 8

For the Immigrants.

FEED the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind.

1 Peter v : 2.

Tuesday 9

MR. CORNELL says: "From my own observation in our courts, I believe that the class of immigrants who flock to our shores and settle in our towns are a menace to our institutions as well as to our cities." Could mission schools in our cities be multiplied, thousands of these children of aliens might flow into them and learn to read and write, and grow up to be good American citizens.

Wednesday 10

God Grant that Through His Grace the Foreigner may Become a Blessing and not a Menace to our Country.

ONE of God's greatest gifts to this new world is the foreigner. Take your map and find those states which the stream of immigration has passed by, and in every case you find them behind the times. Hamilton, of whom it was said, "the greatest man this country has produced," was an immigrant. Albert Gallatin, the financier, Agassiz, the scientist, and thousands of illustrious names would make a strong list.

Thursday 11

For City Missions.

GO ye out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in.

Luke xiv : 23.

The uplifting power of the Gospel has never had more marvelous illustration than in our slum life.

REV. A. MACKAY-SMITH.

Friday 12

IT is estimated that there are 10,000 Chinese living in New York and adjacent places. Of these 500 are in Sunday schools and 200 are professed Christians. The remainder are under no direct Christian influence or instruction. Here is a piece of China within our gates having its joss worship, theatres, opium joints, and other characteristics of Chinese heathendom. It is a foreign missionary field within reach of every church on Manhattan Island or in its vicinity.

Saturday 13

MAKE our city missions full of the mission of our common Christianity in the city. In city life men work at high pressure. REV. A. MACKAY-SMITH.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

Matt. xxiii : 37.

Sunday 14

Miss Ruth Beyer, Chicago, Illinois.

REMEMBER this word unto thy servant, upon which thou has caused me to hope!
He is Faithful that Promised.

Monday 15

TO Christ no man was a foreigner; and to Christians the more they enter into the spirit of their Master, the great race distinctions will be in no sense barriers to sympathy, prayer and action, but only convenient lines of demarcation.

Tuesday 16

THE Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, a great God. He loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Deut. x : 17, 18.

Wednesday 17

BE patient with your pains and cares. We know it is easy to say, and hard to do. . . . But there is no pain or care that can last long. . . . A little while, and you shall leave behind you your troubles, and forget in your first sweet hour of rest that such things were on earth. None of them shall enter the city of God.

Thursday 18

SO blind we are—oh, give us sight!
So weak—oh, make us strong!
Touch all our dark with heavenly light,
Our lips with trustful song;
So shall no labor seem too hard,
No way—to Thee—too long!

W. M. L. JAY.

Friday 19

HE hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Heb. xiii : 5, 6.

Saturday 20

A TRUE Christian faith starts with the truth of a present redemption and leads the man up to personal duties. It takes this poor indistinguishable atom and says to him: God knows you. To him you are not only one of the race; He knows you separately. He made you separately. Have you never heard of such a thing as responsibility? Get up; repent. Get the pattern of your life from God, and then go about your work and be yourself. PHILLIPS BROOKS.

Sunday 21

Prayer for God's Chosen People, Scattered and Despised.

HATH God cast away his people? God forbid,
All Israel shall be saved. Rom. xi : 1, 26.

Dr. Saphir once said that it was a fact that the Christians who took an interest in Jewish Missions were just those who believed the Bible from Genesis to Revelation to be the Word of God and who believed the Jews to be God's chosen people who were still in His great purpose to be blessed, and a blessing to the whole earth. Jesus said to Peter, "Lovest thou Me!" "Feed My sheep." It was not because the sheep were lovable, but because Christ was lovable, and Peter's love to Christ was to be the motive power in feeding the sheep. Thus it is because the Jews are *God's people*, beloved of Him, that we for His sake seek their temporal and spiritual good.

Monday 22

MY heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.
Rom. x : 1; 2 Cor. iii : 15, 16.

Tuesday 23

WHEN the Jews accept the Gospel most glorious things will happen for both Israel and the church. Hence it is one of the first duties of all Christians to work and pray in the most loving and earnest way, for the conversion of the Jews to their Messiah, Jesus Christ their Lord.
PROF. H. M. SCOTT.

Wednesday 24

AND so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, Then shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. Rom. xi : 26.

Thursday 25

EVEN so then, at this time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. Rom. xi : 5.

Friday 26

ONE thing is certain, the history of the church cannot reach its consummation until the prophetic and apostolic word, predicting the conversion of the remnant of Israel, is fulfilled, an event which will bring an abundance of spiritual powers and gifts for the revival of the whole world.
PROF. FRANZ DELITZSCH.

Saturday 27

FOR this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.
Rom. xi. 27.

Sunday 28

Miss Irene Peruzzi—Little Italy, Penn.

THE Lord *hath* done great things for thee!
All through the fleeted days
Jehovah hath dealt wondrously;
Lift up thy heart and praise!
For greater things thine eyes shall see,
Child of His loving choice!
The Lord *will* do great things for thee;
Fear not, be glad, rejoice!

Monday 29

WHERE the mining plant is located, there the saloon rises to oppose our gospel work.

REV. S. S. WISHARD, D.D.

In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not. Gal. vi : 9.

Tuesday 30

GIVING should be an act of worship—not a collection for a certain board, but an offering to God.

True glory consists in so living as to make the world happier and better for our living.

Wednesday 31

THEN I said, I have labored in vain, . . . yet surely my judgment is with the Lord. Isa. xlix : 4.

It is a fine notion of life to liken it to the loom. God puts on the warp in those circumstances in which we find ourselves, and which we cannot change. The weft is wrought by the shuttle of every day life. It is made of very homely threads sometimes, common duties, unpromising and unwelcome tasks. But whoever tries to do each day's work in the spirit of patient loyalty to God, is weaving the texture whose otherside is fairer than the one he sees.

Special Prayer for the Hastening of Christ's Kingdom upon Earth.

TO utter the prayer, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth," means that we are committed to that faith, that aspiration, that hope and that endeavor which have their end and fulfillment in the redemption of the world. It means that we are set to the task of living the individual life of trust and obedience and love. It means that we are seeking knowledge and power and grace for the service of our fellow-men. It means that we are practicing in all our business and pleasure the principles of the Gospel of Christ. It means that we are helping those about us to a true knowledge of God and a life in the Spirit. It means that we are consecrating the commonest industries with a loving temper. It means that we are resisting the sharp competitions and corroding jealousies and destructive selfishness, which still so widely and hurtfully pervade the life of men. It means that we are living in the thought of our relations to humanity, and in our aspirations, our longings, our sufferings and our prayers, are carrying with us the need and sorrows and sin of the whole world. It means that by word and deed, by desire and purpose, we are seeking in ourselves, in our homes, in society and in the world, the fulfillment of our prayer—the ever more perfect reign of love, and thus the realization of the kingdom of God.

Thursday 1

THE Presbyterian Church of the United States should now start forward on a great career for missions. The Church all aglow with missionary spirit should be a growing Church. When we are giving ourselves to fresco, organs and cushioned pews, the taste may be educated, but the heart is not set on fire. A spirit of missions alone will fill the Church with enthusiasm and growing power, attractive beauty that will attract large accessions of useful members.

BENJ. HARRISON.

Friday 2

LIKE the star
That shines afar,
Without haste,
And without rest,
Let each man wheel with steady sway
Round the task that rules the day,
And do his best.

GOETHE.

Saturday 3

SHEWING to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

Psalms lxxviii: 4.

Sunday 4

Prayer for Uninterested Presbyterian Women.

RISE up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech. Isa. xxxii: 9

O Lord, who art our guide even unto death, grant us grace to follow Thee withersoever Thou goest. In little daily duties bow down our wills to simple obedience; in great acts of duty uplift us to self-sacrifice and heroic courage. C. G. ROSSETTI.

Monday 5

BUILD thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll;
Leave thy low-vaulted past;
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast;
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea.

HOLMES.

Tuesday 6

WAIT for your Lord. Love His appearing, but "*Occupy till He come.*" Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when He cometh shall find not only watching but working.

Wednesday 7

ANY little corner, Lord,
In Thy vineyard wide
Where Thou bid'st me wait for Thee,
There I would abide.
Miracle of saving grace,
That Thou givest me a place
Anywhere.

Thursday 8

HOW to use intellectual and spiritual attainments, gifts and graces, material possessions and social standing, not selfishly, but to bless others, is a problem that demands the serious thought of every Christian.

Friday 9

SEIZE the banner; spread its fold!
Seize it with no faltering hold!
Spread its foldings high and fair;
Let all see the Cross is there!

J. KEBLE.

Saturday 10

PATIENCE and strength are what we need; an earnest use of what we have now, and all the time an earnest discontent until we come to what we ought to be. PHILLIPS BROOKS.

Sunday 11

Prayer for Increased Evidence of the Presence and Blessing of the Holy Spirit on all our Mission Fields.

O LORD JESUS, forasmuch as Thy life was despised by the world, grant us grace to imitate Thee, though with the world's contempt, for the servant is not greater than his Lord, nor the disciple above his master.

THOMAS Á. KEMPIS.

Monday 12

COME, here is work, and a rank field; begin!
Put thou thine edge to the great weeds of sin;
So shalt thou find the use of life, and see
Thy Lord, at set of sun,
Approach and say, "Well done!"

ERASTUS W. ELLSWORTH.

Tuesday 13

CHRIST never asks of us such busy labor
As leaves no time for resting at his feet.
The waiting attitude of expectation
He often counts as service most complete.

Wednesday 14

BE NOBLE! and the nobleness that lies
In other men, sleeping, but never dead,
Will rise in majesty to meet thine own;
Then wilt thou see it gleam in many eyes,
Then will pure light around thy path be shed,
And thou wilt never more be sad and lone.

J. R. LOWELL.

Thursday 15

GOD has given Christian nations the political power, the purse power, and the teaching power of the world. History is supernaturally guided in the interests of Christianity.

DR. J. T. GRACEY.

Friday 16

THE eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him.

2 Chron. xvi : 9.

Saturday 17

BUILD a little fence of trust
Around to-day;
Fill the space with loving work,
And therein stay;
Look not through the sheltering bars
Upon to-morrow,
God will help thee bear what comes
Of joy or sorrow.

Sunday 18

PRAYER.

THAT the Lord thy God may show us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do. Jer. xlii : 3.

Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory. Thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer. Isaiah lxiii : 15, 16.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. Psalms xc : 16.

Monday 19

AND all is Thine : the seed we sow,
The hand that sows it, and the faith
That clings to what thy mercy saith,
And trusts where now it may not know,
So here I cast upon thy heart
The souls I long to see thee save ;
Thy mercy, Lord, for them I crave,
Saviour of sinners while thou art.

Tuesday 20

I SEE not a step before me
As I tread on another year;
But the past is still in God's keeping,
The future His mercy shall clear,
And what looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near.

Wednesday 21

THE love of Christ is the great motive to missions; not our love to Christ, nor even Christ's love to us, but Christ's love in us, going out towards the lost.

A. H. STRONG, D.D.

Thursday 22

JUST to ask him what to do
All the day,
And to make you quick and true
To obey ;
Just to know the needed grace
He bestoweth,
Every bar of time and place
Overfloweth ;
Just to take thy orders straight
From the Master's own command.
Blessed day ! when thus we wait
Always at our Sovereign's hand.

Friday 23

CHRISTIANS should be co-workers with God, co-sufferers with Christ, co-witnesses with the Holy Spirit.

DR. A. T. PIERSON.

Saturday 24

WHAT is Christian work? Is it not the Christ life of love, meaning self-sacrifice, giving up personal inclination for the good of others, trying to bring cheer, gladness, comfort to others in the good Samaritan's meaning of the word?

The most beatiful of Christian work is the quiet daily living for Him, the little things done as unto Him, the giving up that others may have, the loving outlook to see where service can be rendered.

GRACE H. DODGE.

Sunday 25

Prayer for more Entire Consecration of the Church in all its Members to the Great Work of Home Missions.

GUIDE me in every choice I make
Of friends, or work, or place,
That I, in every path of life,
Thy guiding Hand may trace;
Not making plans and asking Thee
Those plans to bless and own,
But seeking *first* to know Thy Will,
And follow it alone.

So guide me, Lord, throughout the year,
In all that each day brings—
Guide me in sunshine and in shade,
In great and little things.
Thus shall my pathway through the year
Be blest, whate'er it be,
If I am seeking, day by day,
In all to follow Thee.

ETHEL WARING.

Monday 26

THE only way we can become detached from the world is by becoming attached to Jesus Christ.

REV. M. S. BALDWIN.

Tuesday 27

IS the work difficult?
Jesus directs thee.
Is the path dangerous?
Jesus protects thee.
Fear not and falter not;
Let the word cheer thee!
All thro' the coming year
He will be with thee.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

Wednesday 28

OH, for a great and general revival of true religion! Not a burst of excitement, but a real awakening, a work of the Eternal Spirit. Now, if never before, let those who are loyal to Jesus be up and doing.

SPURGEON.

Thursday 29

FOR Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

Isa. lxii : 1.

Friday 30

DISCERNING thus His guidarce in raising us up as one of the standards against the evil coming as a flood into our beloved country, and acknowledging His hand pointing us onward, let the keynote of this year be Praise.

As the host that came against Jehoshaphat to battle fell before the army when they went forth preceded by those who sang, praising the beauty of holiness, and as the first signal victory of the Holy Spirit in Europe was won, when at midnight, in prison and in chains, Paul and Silas sang praises to God, so this year let us go forth to the warfare appointed us of God, praising Him!

MARY E. JAMES.

EVERY valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isaiah xl : 4, 5.

The light has already broken over these mountain peaks. We are toiling in fellowship with our friends in the East, and waiting for the high noon that must certainly come in fulfillment of "God's abiding promise."

Saturday 1

Utah, Salt Lake City, Collegiate Institute—Mr. Robert J. Caskey, Principal.

CLEAVE unto the Lord your God, as ye have done unto this day; for the Lord your God He it is that fighteth for you, as He hath promised you.

Joshua xxiii : 8, 10.

Teachers:

Miss M. Harrold.

THOU hast given a banner to them that fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth.

Miss A. F. Hubbard.

JEHOVAH Nissi (The Lord my banner) —When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

Miss Kate S. Smith, Matron.

HE is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy Jude xxiv.

Miss M. L. Morgan.

THANKS be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ —The captain of our salvation.

Miss Anna E. Murphy, Matron of Home.

OTHER sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

John x : 16.

BELOVED, a life of warfare is before us, but the Lord of Hosts is with us. Are we called to lead a great but wicked people? This promise guarantees us all the wisdom and prudence that we shall need. Have we to contend with cunning and powerful enemies? Here is strength and valor, prowess and victory. Have we a heritage to win? The Lord Himself is with us.

Sunday 2

UTAH.

LOOK in mercy, we beseech Thee, dear Father, upon that portion of our land that rests under the sin of Mormonism. Purge our nation from this curse. Turn the minds of those deluded by this error to the light of Thy Truth—and this we ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

Monday 3

American Fork—Miss Fannie Taylor, Teacher.

WE are not to expect to win victories for the Lord Jesus by a single blow. Evil principles and practices die hard. In some places it takes years of labor to drive out even one of the many vices which defile the inhabitants. We must carry on the war with all our might, even when favored with little manifest success.

Tuesday 4

Benjamin—Miss H. M. McCracken.
Brigham—Mrs. C. E. Sullivan, Miss. C. B. Sullivan, Teachers.

THE weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.

2 Cor. x : 4.

Wednesday 5

Ephraim—Miss Ada Fitts, Teacher.

THE dawn is not distant,
Nor is the night starless;
Love is eternal!
God is still God, and
His faith shall not fail us;
Christ is eternal!

H. W. LONGFELLOW.

Thursday 6

Fairview—Miss Sadie L. McClure, Teacher.

I WILL bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

Isa. xlii : 16.

Friday 7

Fairview—Miss Nettie J. Gray, Teacher.

THOUGH the power of wrong increase,
Though ill-strength disturb our peace,
God's great purpose cannot cease—
Still His kingdom groweth.

Saturday 8

Gunnison—Mrs. M. M. Green, Teacher.

WE are more than conquerors through Him that loved us Romans viii : 37.

Miss Alice Green, Teacher.

"Laid aside by illness," thus we say on earth;
"Set apart for stillness," thus they sing in Heaven;
Here, they speak of suffering, pain and vanished mirth;
There, of God's promotion to His chosen given.

Sunday 9

UTAH.—Prayer that Persistent Effort be Continued in Fighting the False Doctrines of the Mormon Church.

THE consistent character, patient endurance, superior work of our teachers, and the power of the Gospel which they exemplified, have been the moral forces which even Mormon persecution and prejudice could not withstand.

Monday 10

Hyrum—Miss Laura B. Work, Teacher.

THOU art my rock and my fortress; therefore for Thy name's sake, lead me and guide me.

Psalms xxxi : 3.

Tuesday 11

Kaysville—Miss B. K. Freece, Teacher.

O WHAT a glory doth this world put on
For him who with a fervent heart goes forth
Under the bright and glorious sky, and looks
On duties well performed and days well spent!

LONGFELLOW.

Wednesday 12

Manti—Miss Sarah Sutherland, Teacher.

EVERY Christian should be a *soldier*, clad in the whole armor of God, ready at all times to fight the Lord's battles, and to defend the honor and glory of His great Name.

Thursday 13

Mendon—Miss M. H. McCullough, Teacher.

HE is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Phil. iii : 21.

Friday 14

Monroe—Miss M. Beekman, Teacher.

WE need—each and all—to be needed,
To feel we have something to give
Towards soothing the moan of earth's hunger;
And we know that then only we live
When we feed one another as we have been fed
From the hand that gives body and spirit their bread.

Saturday 15

Nephi—Miss S. L. Melling, Teacher.

O TEACH me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

Sunday 16

UTAH.

LET us pray—"Thy Kingdom come."
Father of our life and love,
Let no child of Thine be dumb;
Help us waft this prayer above,
Help us own,
Thine the kingdom, Thine alone.

Let us watch—"Thy Kingdom come."
Roams the foe on every side,
Watch and work while "Yet there's room."
In that land, o'er Jordan's tide.
See! the waves
Swift divide, for Jesus saves.

Monday 17

Logan (Now Jersey Academy)– Miss Gertrude M. Sammons, Superintendent.

AND the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
Isaiah xxxv : 10.

Tuesday 18

Miss Madie McNeill, Miss Margaret Pomeroy, Teachers.

FIGHTING the whole day long
With a very tired hand,
With only my armor strong
The shelter in which I stand.

Wednesday 19

Miss Cora B. McCutcheon, Miss Lottie E. Leonard, Miss Hannah Jensen, Teachers.

Thursday 20

Mount Pleasant (Wasatch Academy)—Mr. George H. Marsall, Superintendent.

I, EVEN I, am He that comforteth you. Who art thou, that thou should'st be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the Son of Man which shall be made as grass.
Isaiah li : 12.

Friday 21

Mrs. Sarah L. Reed, Matron.

ONLY the Lord can hear,
Only the Lord can see
The struggle within how dark and drear
Though quiet the outside be.

Saturday 22

Miss Ella C. Herron, Miss Lillian M. Allison, Miss Mary H. Hemenway, Teachers.

GOD appoints to every one of his creatures a separate mission, and if they discharge it honorably, if they quit themselves like men, and faithfully follow that light which is in them, withdrawing from it all cold and quenchless influence, there will assuredly come of it such burning as, according to its appointed mode and measure, shall shine before men and be of service constant and holy.
JOHN RUSKIN.

Sunday 23

UTAH.—Hungerford Academy, Springville.

Miss Margaret Nelson, Matron.

AS he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. 1 Peter i : 15.

Miss Ora Gates, Principal.

LET your forbearance be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. In nothing be anxious.

Phil. iv : 5, 6 (Rev. Ver.)

Miss Mary Nelson, Teacher.

LET your speech be always with grace * * * that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one.

Col. iv : 6 (Rev. Ver.)

Monday 24

Hungerford Academy, Springville—Miss Nellie M. Taylor, Miss Mary Linn, Teachers.

GUT in the highways, wherever we go,
Seed we must gather, and seed we must sow;
Even the tiniest seed has a power,
Be it a thistle, or be it a flower.

Tuesday 25

St. George—Rev. Galen M. Hardy, Missionary; Mrs. Galen M. Hardy, Teacher.

FOR the victory of battle standeth not in the multitude of an host, but strength cometh from heaven.

Wednesday 26

Wellsville—Miss Maggie Roberts, Teacher.

I AM trusting Thee for power,
Thine can never fail;
Words which Thou, Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

Thursday 27

Parowan—Miss L. S. McMonigal, Miss Jessie Curtis, Teachers.

GATHERING seed we must scatter as well;
God will watch over the place where it fell.
Only the gain of the harvest is ours;
Shall we plant thistles, or shall we plant flowers?

Friday 28

Payson—Miss A. M. Speakman, Miss Mary Jensen, Teachers.

THIS is Christianity: to live in Christ, and to live to Christ; to live in Him by faith, to live to Him by holiness.

Saturday 29

Pleasant Grove—Miss Florence Taylor, Teacher.

GIVE Thine own sweet rest to me,
That I may speak with soothing power
A word in season, as from Thee,
To weary ones in needful hour.

Sunday 30

UTAH.

STRENGTHEN, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us.
Psalms lxviii : 28

Salina – Miss Belle Walter, Miss Jennie Buchanan, Miss Lucy B. Perley, Teachers.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, let the strong crying of those who labor with Thee ascend to the ears of Thy loving-kindness; look mercifully, O good shepherd, on Thy flock; and suffer not the sheep which Thou hast redeemed with precious blood to be torn in pieces by the assault of the devil. Amen.

Richfield – Miss Eva Rankin, Teacher.
Smithfield – Miss Octavia M. Read, Teacher.

WE are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody that it does. The light will be its own witness.

MOODY.

The influences which are helping to break the power of Mormonism—legislation, immigration, education—are efficient, but not sufficient. Only the Gospel of Christ is sufficient.

MRS. HAWKES, at Omaha, June, '94.

Monday 31

IDAHO.

Malad City – Miss Irene Griffith, Miss B. Johnson, Teachers.

THE Lord can give the enemy long odds and yet vanquish him. If we have faith, we have God with us, and what are multitudes of men? One shepherd's dog can drive before him a great flock of sheep. If the Lord sent thee, His strength will accomplish His divine purpose. Wherefore rely on the promise, and be very courageous.

Paris – Miss Mattie White, Teacher.
Samaria – Miss Anna Noble, Teacher.

YOUR faith will be in exact proportion to you obedience. Inability to trust almost always denotes some failure to obey. If faith is faltering, ask yourself whether you have not dropped the thread of obedience, and go back to the place where you lost it. Christian could not face the lions till he had sorrowfully retraced his steps to the arbor where he slept, and had recovered his roll.

COLORADO - Prayer that the Holy Spirit may Guide and Direct, Guard and Protect our Teachers Working Among the Mexicans.

GIVE ear, Oh Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; Thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasses, stir up Thy strength, and come and help us. Psalms lxxx : 1, 2.

Tuesday 1

Alamosa Canon—Miss Petra Gomez, Teacher.

WHEN our foes are near us,
Then Thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.

Wednesday 2

Ignacio (The Ute Indians) — Mr. Antonio J. Rodriguez, Evangelist.

MID the homes of want and woe,
Strangers to the living Word,
Let the Saviour's herald go,
Let the voice of hope be heard.

Thursday 3

San Juan (Antonito P. O.)—Miss Mollie Clements, Teacher.

I WAS thirsty, and ye gave me drink. I was sick, and ye visited me.
Matt. xxv : 35, 36.

Friday 4

San Pablo—Miss Lizzie H. Thompson, Teacher.

LABOR is sweet, for Thou hast toiled, and care is light, for Thou hast cared.

F. W. FABER.

Saturday 5

Boys' School at Albuquerque—Mr. J. C. Ross, Principal.

REMEMBER the Holy Spirit is God, and God is love. Children, pray the dear God, the blessed, Holy Spirit, to come and live in your heart, and make you love to do what is right for His sake. Men and women in the thick of life, do not go on by yourselves, struggling for truth and toiling at your work, when the Holy Spirit is waiting to show you Christ, and to give you in him the profoundness of faith and the delightfulness of duty.

PHILLIPS BROOKS.

Sunday 6

NEW MEXICO—God Bless the Boys' School at Albuquerque.

AND Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Luke ii : 52

Monday 7

Miss Anna D. McNair, Superintendent.

THE cheerful quietude of her demeanor was a rebuke to all rebellious, cowardly and discontented thoughts.

HENRY VAN DYKE.

Tuesday 8

Miss J. C. McNaughton, Matron, Hospital Work.

ASK God to give thee skill
In comfort's art,
That thou may'st consecrated be,
And set apart
Unto a life of sympathy.

Wednesday 9

Miss June Morrow, Assistant Matron.

AS each day passes by
Refresh some weary heart with showers from thine,
Thou hast a full supply,
Thy soul is fed with streams of love Divine.

C. L. B.

Thursday 10

Miss Harriett Elliott, Teacher.

YET a little way,
Saints shall reap, and rest, and smile
All the day.
Up! let's trudge another mile.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI.

Friday 11

Arroyo Hondo—Mr. A. Vigil, Teacher and Evangelist.

IN the midst of opposition
Let them trust, Oh Lord, in Thee.
When success attends their mission,
Let Thy servants humbler be.

T. KELLY.

Saturday 12

Arroyo Seco—Mr. Jacob Mondragon, Teacher.

APATIENT, a victorious mind,
That life and all things casts behind,
Springs forth, obedient to Thy call.

P. GERHARDT.

Sunday 13

NEW MEXICO.

CASTING down imaginations, and every high thought that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God. 2 Cor. x : 5.

Monday 14

Canon Bonito—Hall's Peak P. O.
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hall, Teachers.

OUR Lord is calling out, from day to day,
Into this walk apart with Him,
Glad souls to follow as He leads the way;
It means the death of self from hour to hour,
An emptied life; no earthly pomp or power,
But Spirit filled, e'en to the brim.

Tuesday 15

Chaperito—Miss Ruth S. Wysong, Teacher.

WARM, sweet, tender, even yet,
A present help is He,
And faith hath still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

J. G. WHITTIER.

Wednesday 16

El Rito—Chacon P. O.—Mrs. Kate M. Sleight, Teacher.

I WEEP no more alone; Thy presence, Lord,
Makes me so peaceful, happy, glad and free
In life, in death, I need no other one,
I am content to be alone with Thee.

C. L. B.

Thursday 17

Embudo—Rinconado P. O.
Miss Kate Kennedy, Teacher.

FAITHFUL to my Lord's commands,
I still would choose the better part,
Serve with careful Martha's hands,
And loving Mary's heart.

C. WESLEY.

Friday 18

La Costilla—Miss Laura Case, Teacher.

FOR the weariest day
May Christ be thy stay;
For the darkest night
May Christ be thy light;
For the weakest hour
May Christ be thy power.

Saturday 19

Las Cruces—Mrs. Anna M. Granger and Miss Leva T. Granger, Teachers.

WE kneel, how weak; we rise, how full of power;
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong—
Or others—that we are not always strong.

R. C. TRENCH.

Sunday 20

NEW MEXICO.

WITH Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light. Oh, continue Thy loving-kindness unto them that know Thee, and Thy righteousness unto the upright in heart.

Psalms xxxvi : 9, 10.

Monday 21

Los Lentes—Los Lunas P. O.
Mr. Ignacio Perea, Teacher.

SEND men whose eyes have seen the King,
Men in whose ears his sweet words ring,
Send such Thy lost ones home to bring.

MRS. MERRILL E. GATES.

Tuesday 22

Las Vegas—Miss Effie M. Brice, Teacher.

GOD'S strength, my strength,
His peace, my peace,
With this I start my way.

Wednesday 23

Pajarito—Miss Kate Scott, Teacher.

ON the great love of God I lean,
Love of the infinite, unseen
With naught of heaven or earth between.

H. BONAR.

Thursday 24

Penasco and Rio Pueblo—Miss Sue M. Zuver, Teacher.

THOU art as much His care as if beside,
Nor man nor angel lived in heaven or earth.

J. KEBLE.

Friday 25

Placitas—Bernalillo P. O.
Miss Carrie E. Fenton, Teacher.

IT is prayer, meditation and communion with God that refreshes, restores and renews the temper of our minds at all times.

Saturday 26

Raton - Miss Delia M. Hills and Mr. Clemente Duran, Teachers.

HOW oft a gleam of glory, sent
Straight through the deepest, darkest night
Has filled the soul with heavenly light,
With holy peace and sweet content.

Sunday 27

NEW MEXICO.

God bless the Girls' School at Sante Fé.

Miss Matilda L. Allison, Superintendent.

What things were gain to me, these I counted loss for Christ. Phil. iii : 7.

Miss Laura P. Moore, Miss Antoinette Brengle, Matrons.

Thou hast made known to me the ways of life, Thou shalt make me full of joy with Thy countenance. Acts ii: 3.

Miss Ellen Moore, Teacher. Miss Lydia A. Hays, Sewing Teacher.

THE secret of having, is giving; of learning, is teaching, of climbing to the throne, is by stooping to wash the feet of the disciples.

Mrs. L. L. Adams, Laundress.
Mrs. Jean Leckie, Cooking Teacher.

THE strong be quick to raise
The weaker when they fall,
Let love and peace and patience bloom
In ready help for all.

Monday 28

Taos—Miss Rebecca Rowland, Teacher.

BEING perplexed I say—Lord make it right
Night is as day to Thee—Darkness as light.

Taos—El Prado—Miss Elizabeth W. Craig.

No path will be quite so forlorn and dreary,
But flowers of love will spring, sweet odors giving. C. L. B.

Tuesday 29

Taos—El Ranche—Miss Alice Hyson, Teacher.

A POOR man served by thee shall make thee rich,
A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong. E. B. Browning.

Mr. J. J. Vigil, Teacher.

Abide in peace in the presence of God.
Fenelon.

Wednesday 30

CALIFORNIA—Los Angeles.

Miss Minnie Cameron, Teacher.

LOOK from Thy sphere of endless day,
Oh God of mercy and of might,
In pity look on those who stray
Benighted in this land of light.
Wm. C. Bryant.

Miss Ida L. Boone, Teacher.

WE tell Thee of our case
Of the sore burden pressing day by day;
And in the light and pity of Thy face,
This burden melts away.
Susan Coolidge.

IN this field, is realized more fully than in any other, the real aim of the school work, viz.: a larger per cent. of the pupils are converted to Christ, a greater number are stimulated to seek the higher schools and colleges in order to fit themselves for an active and successful Christian life; more of them go out among their own people to do volunteer Christian and evangelistic work; and more largely do they carry into their homes the principles of Christianity learned in the schools.

Thursday 1

NORTH CAROLINA.

Asheville Normal and Collegiate Schools.
Rev. Thos. Lawrence, President, Mrs. Thos. Lawrence, Principal.
Miss Mary L. Mattoon, Assistant Principal.

YE shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing. Isaiah lv : 12.

Friday 2

Miss Mabel K. Dixon, Miss Minnie E. Joy, Miss Minnie B. Woodworth, Miss M. Ethelyn Harper, Miss Alice N. Wightman, Teachers.

THE more we sit at His feet and watch to see what He has to say to ourselves, the more we shall have to tell to others.

Saturday 3

Miss Maude Morgan, Miss Isabel K. Hubbard, Music Teachers.

THERE is music in heaven, because in music there is no self-will.

CHAS. KINGSLEY.

Miss Kate J. Mechling, Miss Ella Hubbard, Miss Ella M. Bickerstaffe, Teachers.

All that we listen to, all that we read,
All that we think of is gathering seed.

Miss Elizabeth Gist, Miss Lyda J. Mechling, Matrons.

We turn toward God for blessing and help and strength, turning back with laden hands to our fellow-men.

Miss Mary Wilson, Hospital Nurse.

I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. Ex. xx : 24.

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark days. Ezek. xxxiv : 12.

HOW beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that establisheth peace. Isaiah lii : 7.

Sunday 4

NORTH CAROLINA.

Asheville Home Industrial School—Miss Florence Stephenson, Principal.

NO sermons, nor books, nor arguments can strengthen the doubting heart so deeply as just to come into touch with a soul that is founded upon a rock. HENRY VAN DYKE, D. D.

Miss Isadore A. Heydenburk, Matron. **Miss Ida L. Williams, Assistant Matron.**

Be watchful and diligent in the service of God, and often bethink thyself wherefore thou camest hither.

Monday 5

Miss Mary Johns, Miss Sara Johnson, Miss F. L. Allison, Miss E. A. Calvert, Miss Ruth Dean, Teachers.

CHRIST came to give men a more abundant life than they have; a life abundant in love, and therefore abundant in salvation for themselves. H. DRUMMOND.

Tuesday 6

Asheville Farm School—Mr. Sam'l Jeffrey, Superintendent.

ORDER my steps in Thy word. Psalms cxix : 133.

Rev. Frank M. Fox, Missionary.

In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God * * * in the word of truth, in the power of God.
2 Cor. vi : 4, 7.

Mrs. Sam'l Jeffrey, Matron.
Miss Elizabeth Williams, Miss Anna McArthur, Assistant Matrons.

Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.
John ii : 5.

Wednesday 7

Asheville Farm School.
Mr. H. C. Postlewait, Principal.

THIS is a faithful saying, and these things I will that Thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works.
Titus iii : 8.

Thursday 8

Miss Rose Hadden, Miss Winifred Williamson, Miss Florence Redway, Teachers.

HE chose this path for thee,
No feeble chance, no hard, relentless fate,
But love, His love, hath placed thy footsteps here.

Friday 9

Mr. Jesse G. Baron, Mr. Nelson Williams, Mr. H. M. McCampbell, Industrial Teachers.

OUT of each moment some good we obtain,
Something to winnow and scatter again.

Saturday 10

Brittain's Cove—Weaverville P. O.
Miss Eva Gorbold, Miss Sallie S. Mathes, Miss Charlotte Crump, Teachers.

SHOWING all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Titus ii : 10.

Sunday 11

NORTH CAROLINA.

Concord - Laura Sunderland—Miss Melissa Montgomery, Principal.

WE are ambassadors for Christ. We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
2 Cor. v : 20.

Miss Alice N. Bryan, Matron. Miss Ada Welch, Sewing Teacher.

Work for some good be it ever so slowly,
Cherish some flower be it ever so lowly,
Labor! All labor is noble and holy.

Monday 12

Concord - Laura Sunderland—Miss Dorothy P. Hervey, Miss Florence E. Stoner, Teachers.

IT is a specially sweet part of His dealings with His messengers, that He always gives us the message for ourselves first.

Tuesday 13

Concord—Parker Hall.
Mrs. Anna Ferguson, Teacher.

THE Lord is in the midst of thee.
Zeph. iii : 15.

Wednesday 14

Laurel—Miss Frances L. Goodrich, Principal.
Mrs. Della Merchant, Teacher.

OUR lives are songs; God writes the words,
And we set the music at pleasure,
And the song grows glad, or sweet, or sad,
As we choose to fashion the measure.

We must write the music, whatever the song,
Whatever its rhyme or metre,
And if it is sad, we can make it glad,
Or if sweet, we can make it sweeter.

Thursday 15

Concord—Patterson's Mills - Miss Mary A. Spinning, Miss Bessie Gibson, Teachers.

GIVE, as the morning that flows out of heaven.
Give, as the waves when their channel is riven,
Give, as the free air and sunshine are given.

Friday 16

Jupiter—Rev. Henry M. Boyd, Teacher.

FAITHFUL is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 1 Thess. v : 24.

Saturday 17

Madison Seminary—Marshall P. O.
Mr. J. H. Newman, Principal. Miss Maude Bryson, Teacher.

AND all is thine: the seed we sow,
The hand that sows it, and the faith
That clings to what Thy mercy saith,
And trusts where now it may not know.

So here I cast upon Thy heart
The souls I long to see Thee save:
Thy mercy, Lord, for them I crave,
Saviour of sinners while Thou art. L.

Sunday 18

Hot Springs—Dorland Institute—Miss Julia E. Phillips, Principal.

THE Lord stood with me and strengthened me. 2 Tim. iv : 17.

Miss Carrie B. Pond, Matron.
Trust the Lord with all thine heart.

Miss Amelia Phillips, Sewing Teacher.
Thank God that we are spared to work
For Him whom we love best.

Miss Anna M. Watson, Music Teacher.
Music came from God to be a minister to men. REV. L. H. PARSONS.

Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Miss Adelaide C Carpenter, Miss Rose Blanton, Teachers.

They go from strength to strength; every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.
Psalms lxxxiv : 7.

Monday 19

Marshall—Mr. L. B. Parker, Teacher.

YET will I gather others to Him, besides those that are gathered unto Him.
Isaiah lvi : 8.

Tuesday 20

Paint Rock—Miss Minnie B. Bradshaw, Teacher.

THE dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke i : 78, 79.

Wednesday 21

Penland Institute—Beech P. O.
Rev. Alfred M. Penland, Teacher.

THE Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him. Deut. vii : 9.

Thursday 22

Riceville—Miss Almetta Harris, Teacher.

WE also * * * do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will.
Col. i : 9.

Friday 23

Valdese—Mrs. M. E. Morrison, Missionary. Miss Mary Knox, Teacher.

HEREIN is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.
John xv : 8.

YE are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Cor. vi : 20.

Saturday 24

Walnut Spring—Marshall P. O.—Miss Laura C. Preston, Miss Anna E. Coe, Miss Mabel Moore, Teachers. Miss Helen M. Cougle, Matron.

IF thou hast yesterday thy duty done,
And thereby cleared firm footing for to-day,
Whatever clouds make clear to-morrow's sun,
Thou shalt not miss thy solitary way.
GOETHE.

THUS 'earned I from the shadow of a tree,
That to and fro did sway upon the wall;
Our shadow-selves, our influence may fall
Where we can never be.
A. E. HAMILTON.

Sunday 25

BEHOLD I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke ii : 10.
For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders. Isaiah ix : 6.

TENNESSEE.

Blackwater—Hancock Co.
Miss Anna B. Miller, Miss Maggie Axtell, Missionaries.

CHRIST is King, and God is Love,
Thou art breathing, Holy Dove!
Grace within and light above—
So God's Kingdom groweth

Erwin—Miss Lelia V. Coleman, Teacher.

MAY the Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God, even our Father, comfort your hearts. 2 Thess. 2 : 16.

Grassy Cove—
Miss L. Anna Bradshaw, Teacher.

After that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you
1 Peter v : 10.

Monday 26

Jeroldstown—Rev. J. J. Lioux, Teacher.

IF thou wilt enter in life, keep the Commandments. Matt. xix : 17.

Tuesday 27

Kismet—Lancing P. O.
Mrs. Mary L. Remington, Teacher.

FOR ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Gal. iii : 26.

Wednesday 28

KENTUCKY

Harlan Rev. Wm. C. Clemens, Missionary.
Miss Delora B. Osborne, Teacher. **Miss Mary E. McCartney, Teacher.**

DEAR Lord, teach us to do Thy work on earth in the strength of Thine own tender ministry unto us. Let labor for Thee be our delight, and all rest a weariness out of Thee. May we ever seek to do Thy will. We ask it for Thine own name's sake. Amen.

Thursday 29

Hindman—Miss Carrie F. Searles, Missionary.

THOU shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.
Matt. i : 21.

Pikeville—Rev. J. H. Hammet, Principal.

And He whose the star is, and to whom the wise men came, saith, "Come."
BISHOP ANDREWES.

Friday 30

Hyden—Rev. James M. Walton, Missionary.

BEHOLD, we count them happy which endure. James v : 11.

Miss Essie R. Bradshaw, Teacher.

Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.
Psalms lxxxi : 10.

Saturday 31

WEST VIRGINIA.

Clear Creek—Eloise J. Partridge, Miss L. M. Davidson, Missionaries.

NOW the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
Rom. xv : 13.

Lawson—Miss Martha P. Spencer, Missionary.

THANKS be unto God for His unspeakable gift. 2 Cor. ix : 15.

JESUS lavished on His first disciples a wealth of love in His friendship. He sealed it with His sacrifice of Himself upon the Cross. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." "I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep." Twelve men came into His intimacy; in eleven He kindled a fire that made them saints and heroes, and the traitor broke his heart through remorse, *so he also must have loved.* But Jesus expected that His love would have a wider range than the fellowship of Galilee, and that the world would yield to its spell. It was not for St. John, His friend, Jesus laid down His life; it was for the Race into which He had been born, and which He carried in His heart. No one has ever made such a sacrifice for humanity. No one has dared to ask such a recompense. The eternal Son of God gave Himself without reserve, and anticipated that to all time men would give themselves for Him. He proposed to inspire His Race with a personal devotion, and that profound devotion was to be their salvation. "Give me a cross whereon to die," said Jesus, "and I will make thereof a throne from which to rule the world."

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

THE MIND OF THE MASTER,

JOHN WATSON, D. D.